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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

KIMETRA BRICE, EARL BROWNE,  
and JILL NOVOROT,

Plaintiff,

vs.

KENNETH REES, GPL SERVICING, LTD.,  
PLAIN GREEN, LLC, GREAT PLAINS  
LENDING, LLC, VICTORY PARK  
CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC, VICTORY  
PARK MANAGEMENT, LLC, SCOTT  
ZEMNICK, JEFFREY SCHNEIDER,  
THOMAS WELCH, HAYNES  
INVESTMENTS, LLC, and L. STEPHEN  
HAYNES,

Defendants.

Case No.: 3:18-cv-01200-WHO

**ORDER**

Date: June 20, 2018  
Time: 2:00 p.m.  
Judge: Hon. William H. Orrick  
Location: 450 Golden Gate Avenue  
Courtroom 2, 17th Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94102


This matter comes before the Court pursuant to the Motion to Transfer Venue Under 28 U.S.C. § 1412 filed by Defendants Kenneth Rees, GPL Servicing, LTD., Victory Park Capital Advisors, LLC, Victory Park Management, LLC, Scott Zemnack, Jeffrey Schneider, and Thomas Welch (collectively, the “Transferring Defendants”). In other related cases, the Courts in the Eastern District of Virginia and Middle District of Florida granted a similar motion as to similarly situated defendants for the reasons explained in the Honorable Judge Lauck’s Memorandum Opinion on March 23, 2018. *Gibbs v. Rees*, Case No. 3:17-cv-386 (E.D. Va.) (Dkt. 132, Mar. 23, 2018 Memorandum Opinion).

1 Although Plaintiffs Kimetra Brice, Earl Browne, and Jill Novorot (“Plaintiffs”) object to the  
2 transfer for the reasons previously explained in Judge Lauck’s decision in the Eastern District of  
3 Virginia, Plaintiffs concede that the analysis is indistinguishable as it applies to the Transferring  
4 Defendants, and, thus, it would be a waste of judicial resources to fully brief the same issues again.  
5 Accordingly, the Court transfers all claims asserted against Defendants Kenneth Rees, GPL Servicing,  
6 Ltd., Victory Park Capital Advisors, LLC, Victory Park Management, LLC, Scott Zemnick, Jeffrey  
7 Schneider, and Thomas Welch to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, where  
8 related chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings are currently pending.

9 This action shall remain open and continue as to Defendants Plain Greens, LLC, Great Plains  
10 Lending, LLC and Haynes Investments, LLC, Sovereign Business Solutions, LLC, and L. Stephen  
11 Haynes.

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13 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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16 Dated: June 7, 2018

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19 Hon. William H. Orrick  
20 United States District Judge  
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